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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 6, 2015
TO: State Board of Education
FROM: Martin Ackley, Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs
SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Update

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

On September 17, **HB 4517 EDUCATION (Rutledge)** was reported without amendment from the Senate Appropriations Committee and awaits action before the full Senate. The bill allows for refunding bonds for bonded indebtedness of original school district involved in consolidation.

On September 29, **HB 4790 SCHOOL AID (McBroom)** was reassigned to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill expands counting of nonresident shared time pupils in membership to include kindergarten.

On September 24, **HB 4822 EDUCATION (Price)** was reported from the House Committee on Education as a substitute H-5 and awaits action on the House floor. The bill requires attainment of minimum benchmark on state reading assessment for promotion of third grade students to next grade level and provides for early evaluation and intervention programs.

On September 17, **HB 4872 PER-PUPIL FUNDING FORMULA (Plawecki)** was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill provides for per-pupil funding formula based on greater of current year or prior year pupil count.

On September 17, **HB 4873 PER-PUPIL FUNDING FORMULA (Plawecki)** was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill revises per pupil funding formula for deficit districts.

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On September 22, **HB 4882 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY (Hooker)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill establishes accountability system for public schools based on transparency of data.

On September 22, **HB 4883 SEX EDUCATION (Hooker)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill prohibits certain instructors and practices for instruction in sex education.

On September 24, **HB 4894 STUDENT DATA (Tedder)** was referred to the House Committee on Education. The bill requires contracts for educational websites or online services to prohibit certain uses of student data.

On October 1, **SB 103 EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS (Pavlov)** was reported from the House Education Committee as a substitute H-8 and awaits action on the House Floor. The bill revises performance evaluation requirements for teachers and school administrators.

MICHIGAN SENATE

On September 30, **SB 134 SCHOOL AID SUPPLEMENTAL (Hildenbrand)** was given immediate effect by the full Senate, and ordered enrolled. The bill awaits action by the Governor. The bill provides for fiscal year 2015-2016 supplemental school aid appropriations.

On September 17, **SB 173 SCHOOL AID PAYMENTS (Horn)** was re-referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill revises payment of work project allocation for costs associated with certain dissolved school districts and calculation of state portion of foundation allowance for receiving districts.

On September 30, **SB 358 TEACHER CERTIFICATES (Hansen)** was given immediate effect by the full Senate and ordered enrolled. The bill awaits action by the Governor. The bill revises requirements for professional teaching certificate and requirements for the alternative teaching certificate process.

On September 16, **SB 491 ALTERNATIVE TEACHING CERTIFICATION (Pavlov)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill modifies provisions relating to alternative teaching certification.

On September 16, **SB 494 LOCK BLOCK DEVICES (Emmons)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill allows use of lock block devices on classroom doors and certain types of door locks.

On September 24, **SB 510 STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL PROTECTION ACT (Pavlov)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill creates student online personal protection act and prohibits the disclosure or use of certain information.

On September 24, **SB 512 SEX EDUCATION (Hertel)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill requires teaching affirmative consent standards in sex education.

On September 29, **SB 528 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Booher)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Education. The bill modifies disorganization process for intermediate school districts.

On October 1, **SB 539 PROMISE ZONES (Hansen)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and International Investment. The bill allows additional promise zones and modifies their administration.

On October 1, **SB 540 STATE EDUCATION TAX (Ananich)** was referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development and International Investment. The bill modifies distribution of state education tax.

FEDERAL UPDATE

BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

Secretary Duncan announced 335 schools as 2015 National Blue Ribbon Schools. This program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students perform at the highest levels or where progress is being made on closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Chief State School Officers nominate public schools. The Council for American Private Education nominates private schools. All schools will be honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., November 9 and 10. Schools from Michigan receiving the award were Brown Elementary, Bursley Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Eastover Elementary, Forest Grove Elementary, Gordon Elementary, James B. Angell Elementary, Novi Woods, Elementary, Pattengill Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary, Salem Elementary, Wealthy Elementary and Wines Elementary.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these or other legislative issues, please contact me at (517) 241-4395.